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Dear Mr. Marshall,

If you consider your letter of January 12 responsive, I do not.

By coincidence I have been sent two pages from Esquire. I note your making of another tragedy and the advice you gave, "it was a bad thing." For your sake, more for that of your clients, and even more for the country, I hope you do not as soon as I fear wonder at your consistency. One of lesser genius might have before this.

I note also the description of you as "legendary". May it not be prophetic in the way I fear, against which I have so often sought to caution you. As you know, it is not easy to caution the legendary or the omniscient. Or is it the trusting?

The tragedies repeat, but neither the players nor the script-writers learn.

I think I may have forgotten to send you the enclosed for your files if not for your information. It is a page from Medical World News in which your expert in urine, presented as impartial by you, is illustrated with his drawing of several years ago in which he represents what he alleges happened to that single bullet of the famous theory. By the most remarkable of the endless coincidences, even one not steeped in his science can note its similarity with his recent "discovery" and its total destruction of the Warren Report were it to be correct, by him represented as its validation. Because he pretends not to have been convinced of Oswald's guilty until you favored him with what is in effect an exclusive copyright (a shameless pretense labelled lie by everything he has written, including the enclosed), I commend to you his concluding political commentary. And for its faithfulness, not, certainly, the only evaluation your should consider, I refer you to page 122 of the original edition of WHITEWASH, which you can use as an index to the published evidence. I enclose a copy.

Now the wind....

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg